



# Zero Beat



Hampden County Radio Association, Inc. - our 47th ARRL affiliated year

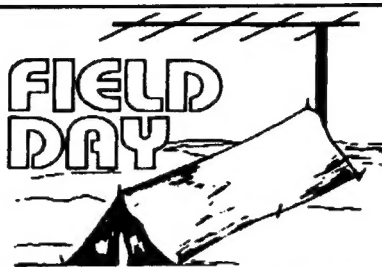
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## H.C.R.A. Notes.....

Last month's HCRA featured a interesting topic about what to look for and what to avoid when looking to purchase a personal computer. Special thanks go out to Gerry Griffin WAIPGT who presented this important topic. Also thank you, the members who came out to the meeting. We had a very good turn out of over 25 people.

This month we will be only having soda and next year we possibly will be eliminating refreshments all together if someone does not step in to run coffee and donuts. We are in need of a coffee and donut person. This position is needed beginning in September. Please help out. It is a relatively simple job that entitles making coffee and purchasing donuts next door. The person in charge has also been



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traditionally the one who keeps the coffee supplies as well. Contact Barry at the next meeting if you can help out.

Field Day has returned after a year off. This year it will be held at the Agawam High School on June 24-25. We are looking for participants. We also traditionally have had a cookout in conjunction with Field Day. See elsewhere in this issue for more information. We will attempt to psyche you up at this month's meeting.

## Next H.C.R.A. Meeting.....

The next Hampden County Radio Association meeting will take place on Friday night June 2, 1995 and will feature our annual banquet and meeting. The food will be free of cost for all HCRA members and family. In addition to this meeting, we will be electing the officers for next year and will also propose a change in the by-laws. See page two for more information about this. It is not too late to run for a position if you have not already done so. Please consider it as we are in dire need of club support. Doors will open at 6:00 and dinner will be served around 6:30 P.M. The annual meeting is scheduled around 8:00 P.M. Feel free to attend just the annual meeting if you wish to skip the dinner. We hope to see you there!

**Feeding Hills  
Congregational Church  
JCT of Routes 57 & 187  
Feeding Hills, Massachusetts**

The next board meeting will take place on Thursday June 8, 1995 and will be at an undetermined location. If you are interested in attending, please ask at the next meeting where it take place. Remember, anyone can attend the board meetings. This month we will be also having a Field Day planning meeting in conjunction with the board meeting. Listen for announcements at next month's meeting.

**HCRA 10 Meter Net  
Every Monday night  
@ 7:30 P.M. 28.410 MHZ**

**HCRA Annual Free Market  
Sunday, October 29, 1995.**

**HCRA Field Day:  
June 23&24, 1995  
Agawam High School  
Be there!**

**HCRA June Banquet  
and Annual Meeting:  
June 2, 1995 - Free Food  
(HCRA members only)**

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## Important By-Lay Change Proposal

The Hampden County Radio Association, on behalf of the Executive board is proposing two proposals to change the current club By-Laws. This will be voted at the upcoming June annual meeting. The first proposal is to change the date of the club year for November 1 to September 1. In conjunction with this particular proposal, the dues of membership would be required by September 1st. The next proposal will be to eliminate the need to have seven board of directors as a quorum at the board meetings. The reason for this proposal is that if only a limited number of people are interested in helping out the club, the people present will still be allowed to vote and pass certain club business. Under the current system, if seven people are not present at the board meeting, basically it can't be held. You can vote for these proposed changes at the upcoming annual meeting on June 2nd.

### Classifieds

2 - Kenwood TH - 41AT 440 MHz handytalkies. 1 watt output, tone module installed.  
With cigarette lighter adapter. **\$75 each / B.O.**

3 - 460 MHz fiberglass antennas. 17 feet long. **Free**, but you must take them away yourself.

1 - Cushcraft 6 Meter FM Ringo Ranger. Never been outside. **\$35 / B.O.**

Contact: Mike, N1FOW at (413) 567 - 0367

### 1995 H.C.R.A.

### Board of Directors



#### Officers

President	N1IJK	Barry Mason
Vice President	N1GVV	Adam Olson
Treasurer	N1AEH	Greg Stoddard
Secretary	N1DUY	Jim Sebolt

#### Directors

##### Expiring 1995

N1FOW	Mike Griffin
N1KBY	Jeff Hugabone
N1RAL	Daniel McKay
WA1OHR	Everett Paluska

##### Expiring 1996

K1PZS	Harvey Broverman
K1CYD	George Corcoran
NR1L*	Kevin Hilinski*
KA1YZV	Donald Lynch

Coffee + Donuts: Don + Betty Mish\*

Zero Beat: Kevin Hilinski NR1L - Editor, Mike Griffin N1FOW  
& Adam Olson N1GVV - Zero Beat Assistance (folding & stamps)

\*resigning term, will need a replacement

### More Election Info.....

As was mentioned on page 3, we will be needing interested club members to help the club out by running for the executive board or one of the director seats. We do have a *Zero Beat* editor volunteer for beat season. Special thanks go out to John N1QXV who volunteered. It should be great to see John's work beginning in September. Please think about the election in June and fill out the form on page three if you would like to help out. The club will not survive without people to run it! Part of the meeting in May will be devoted to a discussion on this issue. It would be nice to have a full slate in time for the June election, in order to reduce twisting people's arms to run. Many times these people feel obligated and truly do not want the job. This year we will several positions filled. They are: President, Vice President, Four new board positions, and one filling term for expiring 1996. We will also be needing someone to run coffee and donuts for the upcoming year. We would like to thank Don & Betty Mish who have done a really good job for us this past year. The election, will be held in conjunction with the June meeting, see next month's *Zero Beat* for information on the time and place. Similar to last year, nominations will be taken from the floor. (This will be providing that the slate has not been filled by the June meeting.) That person will be elected if: 1. They are present. 2. They are interested in the job, and 3. The majority votes that person in. Being active in running the club is essentially all not the difficult. It can involve some time, but it is really rewarding. Typically it involves finding meeting topics and speakers, recruiting new members, and fund raising. Be sure to run this year and

**HCRA Annual Flea Market. Sunday, October 29, 1995.  
Be There!**

**HAMPDEN COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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**APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION FOR ELECTION TO OFFICE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print your name here) (Callsign)

Hereby place my name in nomination for election to the office indicated below.  
(Circle one candidate office below)

**President**

**Vice- President**

**Treasurer**

**Secretary/Clerk**

**Director (2 year term)**

**Director (1 year fill-in)**

**Coffee & Donuts**

I certify that I am now, and will maintain my status as, a current regular member, and if elected, will uphold the duties of the office and the standards of the HCRA.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign Here) (Date)

Return this form when completed to the HCRA Secretary/Clerk.

91 Feb. 16 - JRS - N1DUY

***June Election Info.....***

Well, it is now that time of year again, the HCRA's annual election. If you are interested in running for a position, we strongly recommend it this year! This would be a great opportunity for you to participate and help turn this club into one of the best around. This year we will have several positions open for candidates. President, Vice President, and five board positions. Don't be shy, if you are interested please contact Barry, N1IJK, or any other club officer to find out what is involved. It really is really rewarding and looks great on a resume! You can also fill out the application form in the space

above, and bring it to the next meeting. Just give it to Jim Sebolt, N1DUY. Or mail it to the club P.O. Box. If you want to see what goes on, you can attend the board meeting on June 8 at 7:30 P.M. This month's board meeting will occur at Barry Mason's house, located in Springfield, MA. Don't Hesitate to ask for directions at the next meeting. This would be a great chance for you to experience exactly what goes on at one of these meetings. Anyone is welcome. See page 2 in this issue for more information about the election.

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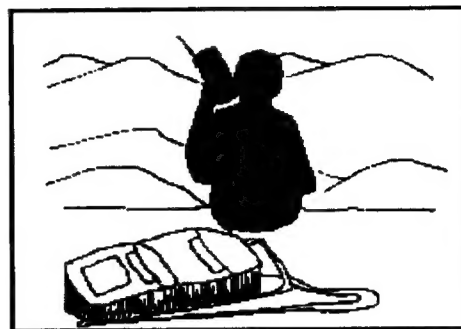
# Field Day 1995

## Agawam High School

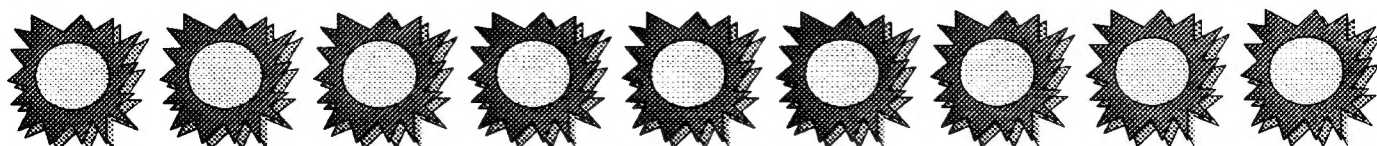
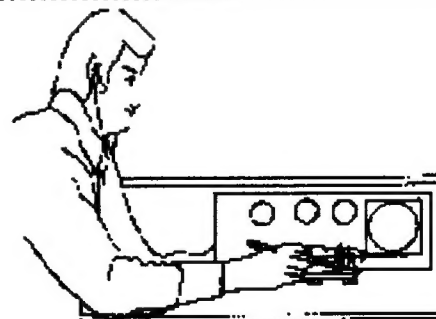
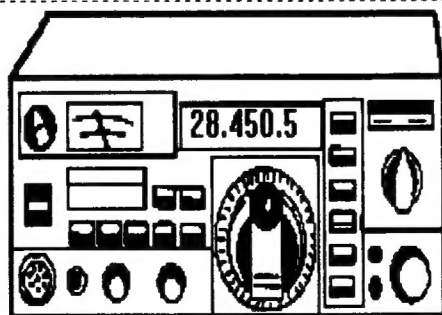


**Date:** June 24 - 25, 1995 (Last full weekend in June.)

**Location:** Agawam High School  
Agawam High is located directly off of the current route 57. Follow 57 West from Springfield until the highway ends. The High School will soon appear on the right.



Come on out and join the HCRA for Field Day 1995! It will take place as mentioned above at the Agawam High School. We will be gathering on Saturday morning at approximately 8:00 A.M. for the set up. This years Field Day will be slightly simpler than in the past, however those currently interested are very psyched! Currently we have about seven people interested and expect to operate in the three alpha transmission class. It is not too late to join us. If you would like, simply show up any time during the weekend and we will work you in. Better yet, attend the Field Day planning meeting prior to the June board of directors meeting. At this meeting will will discuss equipment (who is going to bring it,) strategies, operators, antenna set up, etc. If interested, attend the June meeting to find out the location and time. Field Day will also be briefly discussed at this meeting in conjunction with our annual meeting. Don't forget, Field Day is an important resource to hams. It is important to practice emergency preparedness. In case of a real emergency, ham radio operators can benefit from their knowledge of portable operations that Field Day provides them to help the community. Well, not much more here. Hope to see you at 8:00 A.M. on Saturday, June 26th, or at the Field Day planning meeting as mentioned above. So get out the bug spray and come have a great time!





# June Meeting:

Annual Banquet and Elections  
Free food for HCRA members!

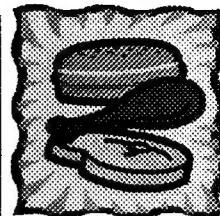


**Friday June 2, 1995**

Doors Open at 6:00 P.M.

Dinner will begin around 6:30 P.M.

Election and annual meeting will begin around 8:00.



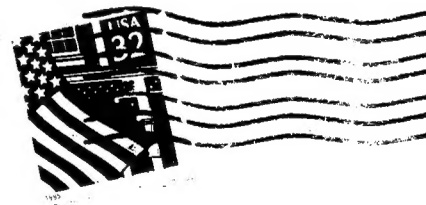
**Attention HCRA Members, Important information!!!**

It has been really fun working for the HCRA the last three years. I know that our new editor, John N1QXV, will do an excellent job. He will take over for me starting in September. I will still be around and will probably pop in on a meeting or two. However, due to other interests I will be stepping down from my current positions. I would like to thank the few of you who have helped me with *Zero Beat* in the past. I would like to make a personal plea to everyone out there who is considering running on the board to do so! We really need help. Well best of 73 & DX and I hope to see you all next year!

73, Kevin NR1L

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Agawam High School  
Be there, it is an important event!**